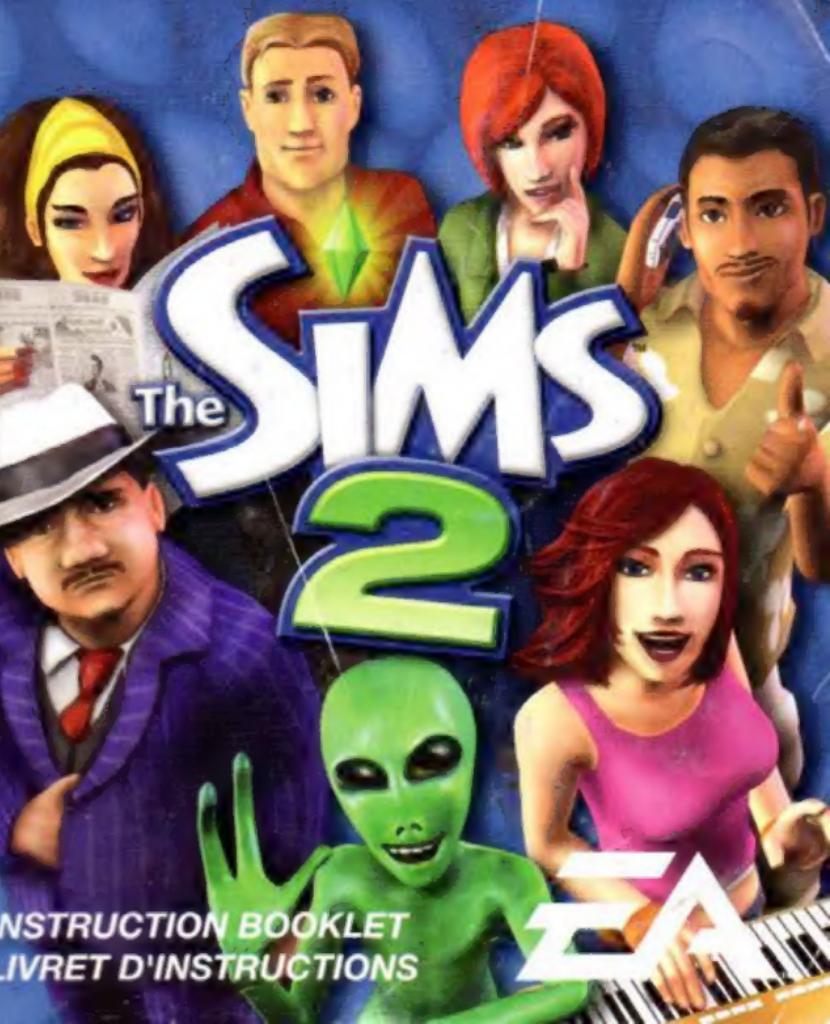


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- Some people (about 1 in 4000) may have seizures or blackouts triggered by light flashes or patterns, such as while watching TV or playing video games, even if they have never had a seizure before.
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- Parents should watch when their children play video games. Stop playing and consult a doctor if you or your child have any of the following symptoms:

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Altered vision	Involuntary movements	Disorientation
- To reduce the likelihood of a seizure when playing video games:
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  - Play video games on the smallest available television screen.
  - Do not play if you are tired or need sleep.
  - Play in a well-lit room.
  - Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour.

### **⚠ WARNING - Radio Frequency Interference**

The Nintendo DS can emit radio waves that can affect the operation of nearby electronics, including cardiac pacemakers.

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- Avoid excessive play. It is recommended that parents monitor their children for appropriate play.
- Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour, even if you don't think you need it.
- When using the stylus, you do not need to grip it tightly or press it hard against the screen. Doing so may cause fatigue or discomfort.
- If your hands, wrists, arms or eyes become tired or sore while playing, stop and rest them for several hours before playing again.
- If you continue to have sore hands, wrists, arms or eyes during or after play, stop playing and see a doctor.

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- Do not peel or damage the battery label.

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## STARTING THE GAME

### NINTENDO® DS



1. Turn OFF the Nintendo DS system by pressing the Power Button. Never insert or remove a Game Card when the power is ON.
2. Insert *The Sims™ 2* Game Card into the Game Card slot on the Nintendo DS. To lock the Game Card in place, press firmly.
3. Turn ON the Nintendo DS by pressing the Power Button. The health and safety screen appears.
4. To load the game, touch the game's icon on the Touch Screen (unless the Nintendo DS Game System is set to Auto Mode in the Settings Menu).
5. When the Title screen appears, press **START** or touch the Touch Screen to advance to the Main menu.

## COMPLETE GAME CONTROLS

### CONTROLS

Walk	+Control Pad
Use/Talk/Perform action	A Button
Run	B Button (press once) + +Control Pad
Rotate camera	L Button/R Button
Zoom camera in/out	X Button/Y Button
Clear screen (when vacuuming dust bunnies)	Blow into DS microphone

### TOUCH SCREEN CONTROLS

You can use the Touch Screen to control many aspects of the game from selecting an interaction, to accessing the various menus. See *Game Screen* on p. 6 for more information about different options you can access on the Touch Screen.

### PLAYING THE GAME

Your Sim is cruising in the wide open country when suddenly, right in the middle of the inhospitable desert (wouldn't you know it?) ... car trouble strikes. Surveying the harsh environment and feeling the scorching sun already stinging the back of their neck, your Sim fears the worst.

- ◆ To bypass the opening sequence, tap the Touch Screen after the Title screen appears.

### CREATE-A-SIM

Before your Sim can cast their lot with the rest of the desert denizens, you need to create one. Name your Sim and select gender, skin tone, hair, clothes, an aspiration (see p. 9). Once you've whipped your Sim into shape, you're ready to jump into Strangetown and explore.

## GAME SCREEN

The Game screen keeps you in touch with what's going on in Strangetown and that helps you run the finest hotel in town.

**Simoleons**—See whether your Sim's pockets overflow with riches or are full of nothing but lint.

**Time**—Real-time that is! *The Sims 2* follows the actual time of day using the DS Internal clock.

**Interaction screen**—Select one of the interaction options. When there is nothing to interact with, a plum-bob appears.

**Pockets screen**—View the stuff your Sim has accumulated.



**Options screen**—Save a game, adjust volume settings, or quit.

**Relationship screen**—Get an idea of where your Sim stands with the other Sims.

**Sanity Meter**—See how your Sim is doing. See p. 9 to learn about keeping them in their right mind.

**Cell phone**—Call another Sim, check your messages, and more. The cell phone is available from all screens.

**Goals screen**—Goals are doled out one at a time. Fulfill them and uncover the secrets of Strangetown.

## POCKETS SCREEN



**Inventory**—Three items, ready for use, will find a permanent home in your pocket, once your Sim acquires them. You may carry up to six additional items.

**Collectibles**—Finding odds and ends around Strangetown is a good way to earn a few extra Simoleons, if you can figure out where to sell them. See p. 12.

## RELATIONSHIP SCREEN



NPC portrait and description

NPC's mood

Relationship with the selected NPC

Basic relationships include:

Nemesis – Foe – Rival – Acquaintance – Pal – Friend – Best Friend

There are also a range of relationships for loopy and romantic behavior. You can also view any NPC secrets that your Sim has uncovered at the Relationship screen.

## STAYING SANE

Your Sim has several needs that motivate their behavior and all of these needs are reflected in their Sanity meter. Different activities and objects serve different moods and needs. If your Sim is in a bad mood, they won't feel like talking to other NPCs or playing any minigames.

Your Sim's urgencies also affect their mood. These include using the bathroom, taking a shower, eating, drinking, and sleeping. If your Sim experiences an urgency, a thought bubble above their head lets you know what's on their mind. For example, a Sim who needs a shower will have a shower icon on their mind. Be sure and address the issue pronto to keep your Sim's sanity from going down the drain. Use relaxing or entertaining objects once the need has been satisfied to raise your Sim's sanity after it has been depleted by an urgency.

If your Sim's sanity reaches zero, they might find themselves passed out, incarcerated, or taking an unexpected trip in a really stellar vehicle.

## SECRETS

Mysterious Strangetown abounds with otherworldly goings-on and every NPC in the town is guarding a secret of their own. Get your relationship with an NPC high enough to discover their secret.

## ASPIRATIONS

When you create your Sim, give them something to aspire to in life. The aspiration you choose for them has a certain affect on gameplay:

**Fortune**—Earn additional Simoleons from hotel guests!

**Popularity**—Improve your relationships with other Sims faster!

**Romance**—Get in the mood for romance more often!

**Party**—Watch your Sanity meter recover faster!

## INTERACTING WITH OTHERS

Your Sim can interact in many different ways with other Sims. They can chit-chat, discuss errands and missions, give gifts, and wave hello. They can also try to affect the mood of other Sims. How they do this depends on the mood of the NPC. An NPC's thought bubble lets you know what kind of mood they're in. Choose the appropriate icon to select an interaction. In the table below, the colors reflect the color of the NPC's thought bubble and which action you can perform on them:

Calm down an angry Sim	red
Romance a Sim who is "in the mood"	pink
Cheer up sad Sims	blue
Restrain crazy Sims	yellow
Impress a Sim	green

Watch the NPC's reactions and their body language and determine which interaction to use based on the clues.

## OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

### Cell Phone

Your Sim carries their cell phone all the time. They can use it to call a friend, request maid service (for a fee), or make a prank phone call. Your Sim also gets calls on their phone so be sure to answer when it rings.

### Mail/Bills

See the hotel doorman to collect any bills, checks, and packages that your Sim receives in the mail.

## MAKING SIMOLEONS

Your Sim's main method of earning Simoleons is to get more guests to stay at the hotel. They can encourage more business by keeping the hotel clean and by adding amenities and upgrading the hotel's environment. In addition to maintaining a welcoming, comfortable hotel, your Sim can run errands for other Sims, collect various objects throughout the game, show and sell art through the art gallery, and more.

## ERRANDS

Your Sim can earn Simoleons by running errands for other Sims. NPCs assign tasks by calling or sending a text message to your Sim's cell phone. If your Sim can complete it in time, they earn a small token of appreciation.

## MINIGAMES

The minigames can keep your Sim's pockets lined with Simoleons. They're great for a bit of extra income and for tiding things over when the hotel is slow.

### Alien Autopsy

It takes a very steady hand... dissect the alien and place its organs in the container provided. Beware of parasites which can destroy the organ. Place the organs you remove in the cooler for safe keeping.

### Crime Doesn't Pay

Stopping the recent surge of crime in Strangetown sounds like a job for a super rat. Your Sim can suit up and take on the goons armed with a trusty ratarang.

### Tools of the Trade

(Vacuum, Metal Detector, and Super Drencher)

Employ the various tools of the trade to keep the hotel in tip-top condition. Besides, who knows what you might vacuum up or uncover in the desert sands.

**Note:** If you try to vacuum a dust bunny, your screen becomes cloudy. Blow into the DS microphone to clear the screen.

## Keelhaulin' Cards

Collect sets of three or more cards of a type of pirate to make him or her walk the plank. You can play ghost cards if the pirate has already walked the plank, get two free cards by playing the rum bottle card, and shoot down another player's score by playing a cannon card.

If you own a copy of *The Sims 2* for Game Boy® Advance and you play *The Sims 2* for Nintendo DS with the GBA Game Pak in your Nintendo DS, you unlock the Moogoo Monkey card game in the Casino.

## COLLECTING

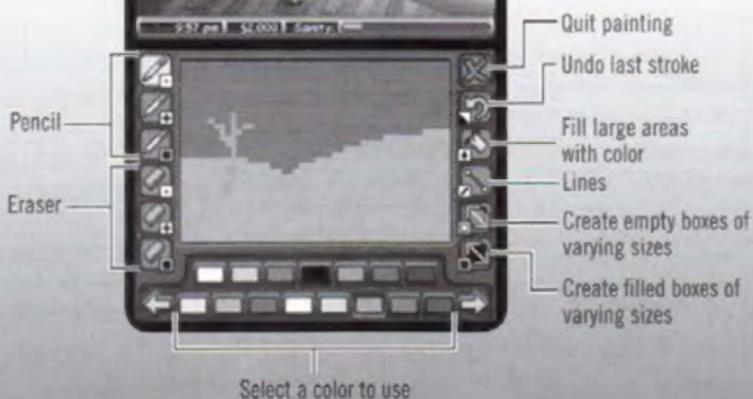
Pick up collectibles around Strangetown and then trade them in at various locations around town for Simoleons. Weird Gourds, License Plates, Nuclear Fuel Rods, and Alien Spaceship Parts all add up to Simoleons in your Sim's pocket. So keep your eyes peeled for these valuable odds and ends.

## IDEAL Winnings LOTTERY TICKETS

Scratch and win... Use the Touch Screen to scratch off all the boxes on your lottery ticket. Match three of them to win Simoleons. Purchase tickets in denominations of 1, 5, and 10 Simoleons from the Strangetown Store.

## ART GALLERY

Paint a masterpiece and hang it in the art gallery or on any wall in the hotel. Any art that your Sim hangs in the art gallery earns them a weekly paycheck. Your Sim's artistic skill and business skill affect how much their art earns.



Select background song

## MUSIC

Exit

Play

Filters

Prep

Record your voice to  
instrument 4



Whether you choose to jam or record a song mix, making music in any of Strangetown's lounges lets you get with the groove. You can choose from a number of songs (Disco Blitzkrieg, Chill Factory, Electro Pop, Robot Soul, etc.).

Each song has looping tracks and one-shot samples that you can use to create a unique song mix—and there are eight song tracks that you can choose to mute or unmute and up to four different instruments you can play in real-time on the three-octave keyboard. You can also record your voice, selecting the Vox button, and map it to the 4th instrument bank.

### Prepping Music

If you have a complicated string of sounds that you want to activate simultaneously, you can prep them by touching the Prep button on the Touch Screen and lining up a number of sounds.

### Reviews

When NPCs first hear a piece that you recorded, they review it and tip accordingly.

## EVENTS

Just like in real life, certain things happen in Strangetown over which you have no control. Sometimes these weird goings-on are to your benefit, sometimes not. The important thing is to keep your eyes and ears open for dangers and opportunities. For example, if a shady character calls to tell you that he or she has stacked the Pirate Card Game's deck in your favor, that might be a good time to play a hand! Even stranger events may occur—such as alien invasions and mysterious fires.

## SAVING AND LOADING

### Saving a Game

From the Options menu, choose SAVE. The Save Game screen appears. Select a Save Game Slot and then touch the checkmark to save there. If there is already a file saved in that slot you are prompted to Overwrite the file. Choose YES to continue or NO to choose another slot.

### Loading a Game

From the Main menu, choose LOAD-A-SIM. The Load Game screen appears. Select a Game Slot and then touch the checkmark to play your previously saved game.

## MULTIPLAYER MODE

Connect to a friend using DS Wireless Communications. Your friend must also have a Game Card for *The Sims 2*. Connecting to a friend lets you trade music and art, play each other in the Keelhaulin' Cards, and the Moogoo Monkey Cards game.

To connect to a friend, select DS Wireless on the Menu screen. Choose to host or join a wireless game. If you choose to join a game, a browsing screen appears to let you know which games are available.

## HINTS AND TIPS

A well-maintained hotel keeps the customers happy. If trash and ick pile up too much, NPCs will be disgusted by the state of the rooms and look for lodging somewhere else. If you can't spare the time to keep it spic-and-span, hire a maid to help out.

When you aren't interacting with anything on screen, spinning the plum-bob can keep you on your toes.

Certain purchases from the Strangetown store pack surprises. If you find yourself skydiving for instance, take a chance and perform some aerial tricks.

If you find yourself with little to do, make sure you find time to admire the cows—up close, even!

The more people you have staying at the hotel, the more likely you are to have strange events occur.

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